

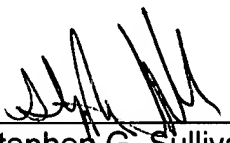
Reference for failing to show possession of the invention. Although Applicant considers facts showing preparation of a patent application claiming the present invention proof that Applicant had possession of the invention prior to the reference date, a Supplemental Declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 is submitted herewith. The Declaration sets forth facts sufficient to show conception of the invention prior to the effective date of Itoh, 8/8/96, coupled with due diligence from prior to the effective date of Itoh to the filing date of the present application (constructive reduction to practice).

Applicant's arguments from the prior Amendment are hereby incorporated by reference. It is submitted that the primary reference, Parulski, in combination with the other cited references, fail to teach or suggest the claimed features of the present invention.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that independent the claims are allowable over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and passage to issue of claims 1-9 and 11-13.

Applicants' attorney believes that this Application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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